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Charles Smith, 75, urban designer

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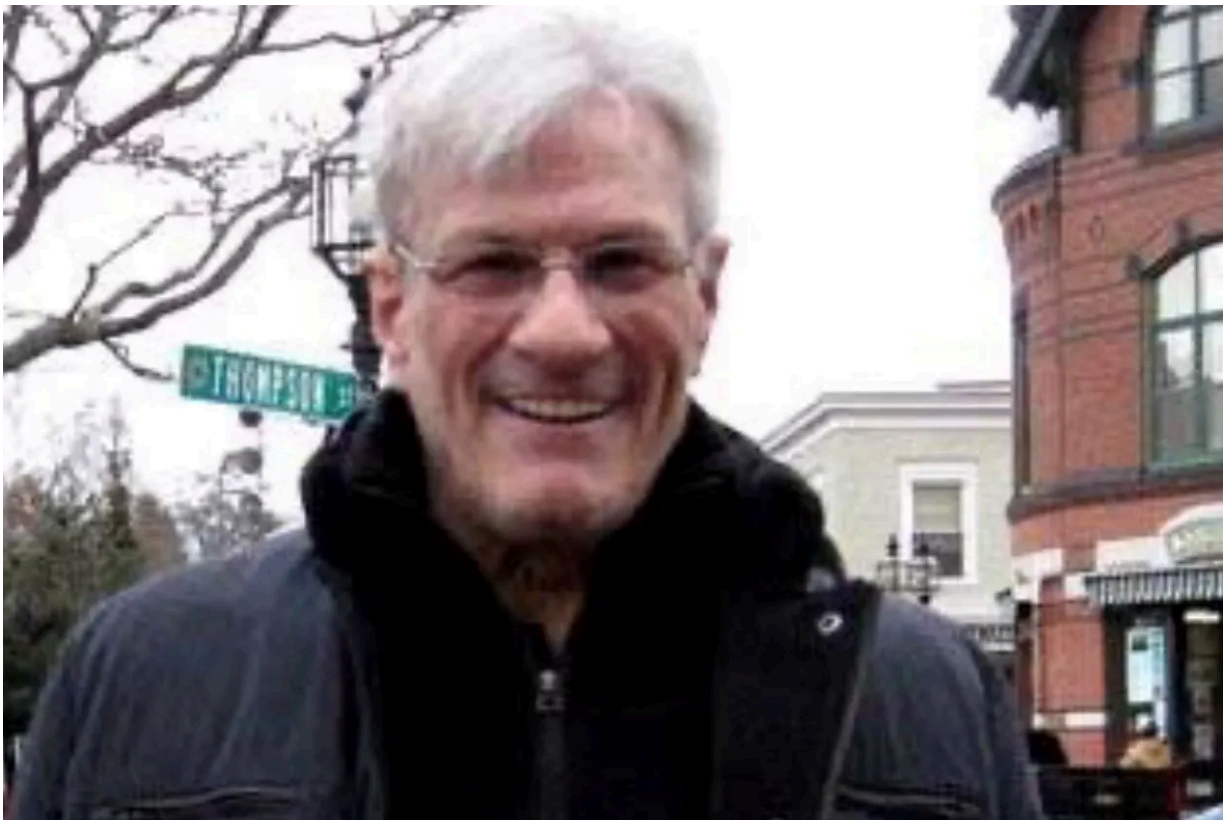

Charles Smith. COURTESY PHOTO/ELLEN SERRANO

Longtime Elm Street resident Charles Smith died on Jan. 31 at the age of 75.

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Mr. Smith moved to Winchester in 1989, a few years after coming north from his southern roots in Georgia and Tennessee.

After a four-year Navy tour in Vietnam, he earned a master's degree in architecture and urban planning at Georgia Institute of Technology, after which he studied in Paris. He worked in Cambridge, Baltimore, West Virginia and Ontario and recently published "A Narrative History of Attack Squadron One Sixty Five in Vietnam," the remarkable story of the Naval Aviation squadron in which he served for three years during the war.

If you saw Mr. Smith in town, it was often in his vintage red Jaguar. But what most enriched his retired life was playing rock guitar weekly with his closest friends.

He will be buried at the VA Cemetery in Bourne, Mass., on Feb. 14.

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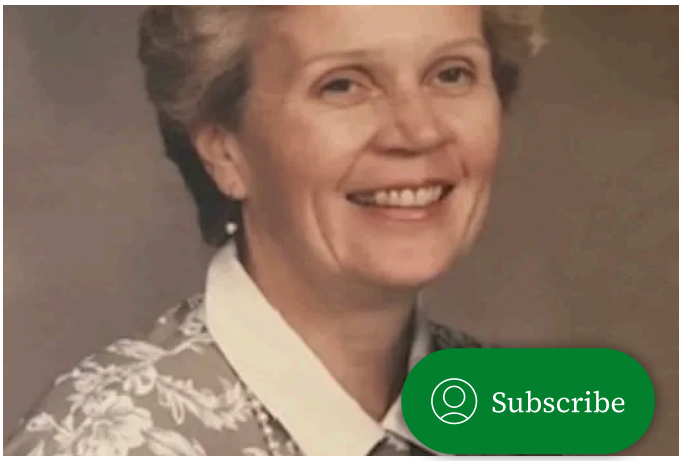

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Ronald ‘Ron’ Klaas Vanderkruik

Ronald “Ron” Klaas Vanderkruik, 79, of Winchester, Mass., passed away on the morning of Feb. 23, 2026 at home, surrounded by his loving family and devoted dog. Ron was born in Upstate New York to Adeline and Emil Vanderkruik and grew up alongside his older sister, Janice. In high school,

March 2, 2026

Lois A. (Walsh) Thorne

Lois A. (Walsh) Thorne, of Canton, formerly of Billerica and Jamaica Plain, died Dec. 22, 2025. Mrs. Thorne was the daughter of the late Rita Carty Walsh and James J. Walsh, of Jamaica Plain. She received a Bachelor’s degree in mathematics with a minor in physics from Regis College

December 29, 2025

DEATH NOTICE

Carol Ann Clem-Cronon

Carol Ann Clem-Cronon, of Falmouth, died on Nov. 12, 2025 after battling pancreatic cancer for more than a year. She was 67. Carol Ann lived in Winchester for 29 years before moving to Falmouth. A celebration of life service will be held on Dec. 6 at 2 p.m. at

December 1, 2025

DEATH NOTICE

Capt. Frederick “Rick” Hamilton Hauck

The following was submitted by Walker Cremations, Funerals and Gatherings, of Maine: Capt. Frederick “Rick” Hamilton Hauck died Nov. 6, 2025, surrounded by loved ones following a long and courageous battle with Parkinson’s Disease. Born into a naval family on April 11, 1941, Rick was the son of Capt.

November 9, 2025

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Celebrate Women's History Month with Girls Leading Change

The following was submitted by the Network for Social Justice: To mark Women's History Month and International Women's Day in 2026, the Network for Social Justice is collaborating with club leaders from Winchester High School and members of the Community Health team from La Colaborativa in Chelsea and

March 4, 2026

NEWS

Winchester School Committee candidates bring contrasting backgrounds to Thursday forum

Two candidates for Winchester's School Committee will face voters at a forum as the district navigates a new literacy curriculum, budget pressures and questions about student mental health. Heather von Mering and John Bellaire are competing for an open seat on the School Committee, which oversees a budget von

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March 4, 2026

FEATURES

'Chicago: Teen Edition' dances onto the Winchester High School stage

By Talia Ho | Correspondent Fame. Fortune. And all that jazz. This spring, Winchester

EVENTS

Ripley Chapel in Winchester presents 'Syldason: You Are Welcome Here'

The following was submitted by the Ripley Chapel at First Congregational Church: On

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High School presents “Chicago: Teen Edition,” a bold musical that explores celebrity culture, media manipulation, and the cost of ambition. This iconic production is set in the 1920s. Performances will take place on March 13 and 14

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Friday, March 13, beginning at 7:30 p.m., live in-person and live streamed from the stunning Ripley Chapel at First Congregational Church, Winchester, 21 Church St., join in with Syldason, a duo concert featuring Sylvie Zakarian,

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